Population of slum dwellers

1563. SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI BARUPAL:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been pumping money into improving the lot of slum dwellers without any real idea of the scale of the problem;

(b) whether her Ministry asked the Registrar General to conduct a survey in all towns with population above 20,000 to get primary data on actual numbers;

(c) whether 2001 census tried to collect information from the States but experts say due to lacuna in the system they could not furnish full details; and

(d) if so, whether Government are now considering to have full report above the slum problem and the people living in the slums?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Slum Development being a State subject, State Governments survey and take stock of the slums in their respective States. However, the Town and Country Planning Organisation (TCPO) conducted a one time study on slums in 1995-96 and brought out a report titled "A Compendium on Indian Slums-1996". Each year the Planning Commission allocates the State-wise funds on the pro-rata basis of slum population of the States/UTs, as estimated for 2001 in the above compendium. While deciding such allocations a minimum amount is reserved for smaller States.

(b) to (d) An attempt was made for the first time during the Census of India, 2001 by the Registrar General of India to collect detailed data about slum population of the country but only in cities/towns having 50,000

population or more based on 1991 Census. The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Demand for Grants for the year 2002-2003 of the Ministry of Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation desired that a similar survey in respect of other cities/towns having less than 50,000 population be carried out. The Ministry took up the matter with the Registrar General of India (RGI) for the survey and to have a report about the people living in the slums. The RGI office submitted a project for identifying slum population in the towns having less than 50,000 but above 20,000 population.

Infrastructure status for housing sector

1564. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any suggestion for conferment of infrastructure status on the housing sector to enable it to have easy access to low cost institutional funds and to tap long-term funds; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The subject matter pertains to Ministry of Finance. As such the proposal received has been sent to Ministry of Finance for appropriate action.

Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana

1565. SHRI THENNALA G. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposals received by Government from the State Governments for creation of employment opportunities in urban areas